

House Resolution 1327

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Casas of the 103rd, Maxwell of the 17th, Ashe of the 56th, Walker of the 107th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Parent Teacher Association (PTA) on its Centennial Year in 2006
2 and recognizing "Georgia PTA Day at the Capitol"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia PTA promotes and advocates for children's education, health, and
4 welfare in our state and around the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia PTA, the oldest and largest state-wide association working exclusively
6 on behalf of children and parental involvement, celebrates its Centennial Year in 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia PTA's century of achievements includes improving child nutrition and
8 school lunch, promoting child health and funding school nurses, taking children out of
9 factories and fields and putting them in schools until high school completion, enhancing child
10 safety in and around schools and on school buses and in cars both as passengers and drivers,
11 working for adequate state funding for children's education and health care, registering its
12 members to vote and training and organizing them as effective advocates, and culminating
13 a 60 year effort with the establishment of state-funded kindergartens in 1973; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia PTA's more recent advocacy efforts helped in: establishing the election
15 of local Boards of Education (1992), ensuring Georgia Lottery proceeds would fund public
16 education from age 4 through college (1992), enabling local Boards of Education to raise
17 capital outlay funds through Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (1996), dedicating a
18 majority of tobacco settlement proceeds for health programs and efforts focused on Georgia's
19 youth, especially through the school nurse program (2000), stopping illegal sales of alcohol
20 to underage youth (2001), establishing graduated driver licensing (2001), maintaining the
21 K-3 classroom size reduction (2002), raising the child safety seat requirement age to six
22 (2004), and supporting the Smokefree Georgia Act of 2005; and

1 WHEREAS, PTA members throughout the state promote and encourage parental and
2 community involvement and volunteerism in public schools to benefit student achievement;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Georgia PTA steadfastly works to improve public education, to ensure adequate
5 child health and welfare, and to engage and inform parents, teachers, and the larger
6 community on behalf of all Georgia's children.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body commend the dedicated and continuing efforts of the Georgia
9 Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and congratulate Georgia PTA as it enters its Centennial
10 Year in 2006 and recognize February 16, 2006, as "Georgia PTA Day at the Capitol."

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Parent Teacher
13 Association.